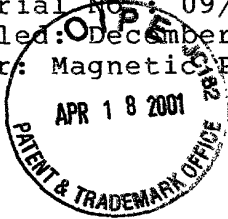


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James R. Patterson
Serial No.: 09/747,852
Filed: December 22, 2000
For: Magnetic Plumb Bob Holder

April 16, 2001
Group Art Unit 3723



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the first Official action on the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 9, before "perspective" insert - -
partially broken away - -.

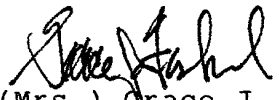
Remarks

In submitting formal drawings, Figure 4 is in the form of a partially broken away perspective view of the device of the invention. Figure 4 as originally submitted was an "x-ray" view. The two drawings are identical in content and no new matter has been added.

When the application is taken up for action, the Examiner is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Respectfully submitted,

(314) 878-0440


(Mrs.) Grace J. Fishel
Reg. No. 25,864

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class

mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D. C. 20231 on April 16, 2001.



Grace J. Fishel